

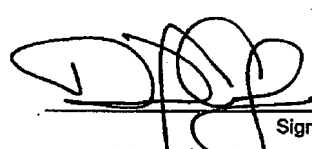
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For: SECTOR SWITCHING DETECTION METHOD

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests Pre-Appeal Brief Review of the rejection in the Final Office Action mailed on July 27, 2007, because there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-23, 25, 26, 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based upon the *Knisely, et al.* reference. There are several limitations of Applicant's claims that are completely missing from the *Knisely, et al.* reference and, therefore, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation.

The Examiner contends that paragraphs 12-15 of the *Knisely, et al.* reference includes "determining a number of frames within the window that contains the sector switching indicator." There is nothing in the *Knisely, et al.* reference that corresponds to determining a number of frames within a window (assuming that a window of multiple frames is used for the determinations made in the *Knisely, et al.* reference). Paragraph 12 describes non-switch frames that do not have a switching indicator. Those cannot possibly qualify as a basis for determining

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a number of frames containing a sector switching indicator. Paragraph 13 indicates that a mobile station may transmit a switch frame that includes a fixed and known value in a particularly identified slot of a frame. Paragraph 13 does indicate that "the location and number of switch indication slots within a 20 ms frame may be changed based on a directive from the base transceiver station." (Page 3, lines 7-10) It is important to note that a number of slots within a frame is not the same thing as a number of frames. Paragraph 13 says nothing about determining a number of frames that have a sector switching indicator. Paragraph 14 merely indicates that a mobile station can identify a target base station. Paragraph 15 only describes that Figure 1 shows switch frame and non-switch frame formats.

There is nothing in any of paragraphs 12-15 that in any way indicates that a number of frames is determined as suggested by the Examiner. Because that portion of Applicant's claims is completely missing from the *Knisely, et al.* reference, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation.

Additionally, the Examiner suggests that paragraph 36 of the *Knisely, et al.* reference corresponds to determining whether a sector switch is desired based on the determined number of frames and a decision metric. Because the *Knisely, et al.* reference does not teach determining a number of frames within a window that contain a sector switch indicator, it is impossible for it to determine whether a sector switch is desired based on a determined number of frames. The Examiner refers to paragraph 36 of the *Knisely, et al.* reference as allegedly teaching such a determination whether a sector switch is desired. What paragraph 36 actually says is that a base station controller (BSC) "pools network parameters from the various BTSs and determines the current status of the mobile using the parameters passed to it from the various BTSs." (Lines 7-9) The BSC in the *Knisely, et al.* reference never determines how many frames are considered

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within a particular "window" of frames and does not use any such number for making its determination. The *Knisely, et al.* reference is silent regarding determining how many frames are within a window and using such a determination for deciding whether a sector switch is desired. without that, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) must be withdrawn. This case should be allowed.

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